

## WARNING TO WESTERLY MERCHANTS

**Chief of Police Brown Suggests Watchfulness Against Holiday Week Burglars—Two Arrests Result From Kitchen Barroom Raids—Christmas Business Good—Mrs. Wheeler to Rebuild at Pleasant View.**

Police Chief Brown is urging Westery merchants to guard well their cash during the present busy buying season and not to depend wholly upon police protection against possible burglars and safe breakers. He says the few patrolmen will guard premises as best they can and be on the alert for suspicious characters, but must of necessity guard a large territory. In larger places thieves work successfully in spite of what is believed to be an adequate and efficient police force, and there is no reason why successful thievery operation could not be done in Westery. Burglars, expert in their line, readily enter buildings in well-policed cities and are liable to do likewise in Westery, hence Chief Brown's warning. For the accommodation of merchants, the banks of Westery remain open on Christmas eve to receive deposits.

Congressman Peter Goulet, representing the Second congressional district, of which Westery is a part, and which also includes a section of the city of Providence, will repeat his benevolent act of a year ago and give a Christmas dinner to over 1,200 children in the city of Providence. This year's event will be on the same lines as last Christmas, except that the mothers may accompany the children and share in the congressman's hospitality. Santa Claus will welcome the children and help keep them in good humor while the big turkey dinner is in progress, and will distribute the presents to each child at the conclusion of the feast. Music will be furnished by Fay's band, and the programme will include a long list of children's plays as well as the latest popular pieces, and the dinner will be given opportunity to sing to each.

As a result of the recent police raids on kitchen barrooms in Westery and the subsequent confiscation of liquors seized and destruction of the same, after a hearing in the Third district court, Chief of Police Thomas E. Brown and Frank Johnson and Frank Gigerella. They were arraigned before Judge Oliver H. Williams in the Third district court, charged with keeping liquor with intent to sell same. Both entered pleas of not guilty. The hearing was continued to one week from next Friday, New Year's day. Each furnished a bond of \$100 for appearance at that time.

**Local Laconics.**  
The public schools of Westery will close today (Wednesday) and reopen Jan. 4.  
There is ice in the Pawcatuck river, but it is not strong enough for skating purposes.

In common with all others, the post-office employees of Westery are unusually busy.

The next stated session of the Third district court in Westery will be on New Year's day.

While there is no local "poeting" in Westery saloons, Chief Brown's word to the wise is sufficient.

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## SALISBURY BLOCK, MOOSUP, WIPE OUT BY FIRE.

Adjoining Buildings Damaged—Suspicious Circumstances About Origin.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

Moosup, Dec. 22.—Moosup was visited by an early morning fire Tuesday that wiped out the Salisbury block, badly damaged the Bellevue building adjoining, caused some damage to the Hyde block, a structure just east of the Salisbury block, scorched the homes of Dr. Charles N. Allen and Moses Linell across the street and caused considerable damage to the poles, wires and a 60-pair cable of the Southern New England Telephone company. A number of firms were burned out or suffered losses by water, the damage being estimated at from \$15,000 to \$20,000, partly covered by insurance.

**Started in Salisbury Block.**

The fire was discovered just before 4 a. m. Before the firemen could respond, and they came quickly, the Salisbury block, where the fire originated, was wrapped in flame and there was little chance of any department saving it, no matter how efficient. The attention of the firemen was devoted to saving the adjoining structures and with considerable success, though the Bellevue building was gutted and will have to be practically rebuilt. The Hyde building, on the other side of the blazing Salisbury building, fared better, though one wall was so scorched as to cause the bricks to peel and the cornices were damaged. There will also be a slight loss by water to tenants in this building.

**May Have Originated in Candy Kitchen.**

The cause of the fire was undetermined Tuesday, but is believed to have originated in the rear of the James Paris candy kitchen, in the Salisbury block, a two story wooden structure.

**Bellevue Heaviest Loser.**

When the blaze was discovered it had gained big headway and was already giving evidence of the damage to follow. Besides the Paris candy kitchen the firms in the Salisbury block were O. F. Cardinal, a fish dealer; Wilfred Larose, lunch, pool and bowling alley; Benjamin F. Tucker, jeweler and watch repairer. There was little of value, it is stated on the second floor of the building which has been used for storage purposes in the Bellevue building. William Bellevue, the owner, had a store in which he carried a valuable stock of cigars, tobacco, newspapers, toys, notions and many other lines and he will be the heaviest loser, though he carries some insurance. His candy business was wrecked and his stock of goods ruined by the fire. Dr. A. C. Taylor had an office in the Bellevue building and suffered damage to his property. Edward Valliant, a shoe repairer, also had his place of business in the Bellevue building, in the rear.

**Hyde Building Tenants.**

In the Hyde building tenants are S. Abrahams, tailor, and M. C. Motz, grocer. All Hallow's council, K. of C. and the council of the Moose lodge are on the floor of this building. The firms doing business in the Salisbury block, of which only the cellar remains were moved out. Mr. Bellevue and his tenants fared little better, though there is a chance for a small amount of salvage for them. The Hyde block firms' losses were exceedingly slight.

**Cracked Hydrant Burst.**

The bursting of a hydrant, not far from the burning buildings, put a serious loss of valuable time to the firemen, within a few minutes after they began their fight. This hydrant has been cracked in its casing for months. It was stated in Moosup Tuesday, and it withstood the heaviest pressure of the water flowing through it for only a few minutes before giving way and throwing forth a geyser that was of no benefit.

**Valuable Time Lost.**

While this emergency was being met by closing the gate in the Cranika mill yard, this forced action putting other hydrants out of service, the fire swept through the doomed buildings with added fury. New lines of hose were run from beyond the mill out gate at the Cranika mill and another long distance from the Union mill by the firemen and the hosemen of the town. The fire was brought the fire well under control.

In the meantime the Dr. Allen and Linell homes across the street were scorched, the Allen place suffering much the worst, as the whole front now shows that the building was on the point of blazing.

**Telephone Cable Melted Off.**

During the fire a 50-pair cable of the S. N. E. Telephone company running along the rear of the burning buildings and near the railroad melting and a number of distributing wires were put out of service. In some of the burning buildings poles and wires of the company were melted and will probably have to be replaced.

With characteristic energy and efficiency the telephone people had a big force of cable and linemen in Moosup from Norwich, Danielson and other places early in the morning and the work of repairing commenced at once. Many of the wires were back in service by noon and the service was completely restored in the afternoon.

**Will Probably Rebuild.**

There was difficulty Tuesday in ascertaining what the net losses will be. Some of the firms are insured, others are not. The buildings were protected by insurance. E. E. Salisbury, owner of one of the buildings, said Tuesday afternoon that his loss on his building is \$6,000, the insurance on the structure being half that amount—\$3,000. The Salisbury building was badly damaged by fire once before, about five years ago. Mr. Salisbury says he will probably rebuild, but on Tuesday had not definitely decided what his plans for the future will be. Bellevue will have the damage to his building repaired.

**Suspicious Circumstances.**

There are certain suspicious circumstances about the fire that are being investigated, it is said, but just what these things are were not given out. None of the firms occupying the buildings can figure out how the fire started and it is possible that Moosup has a firebug.

**HEAVY STORMS HINDER MEXICAN CONFERENCE.**

General Scott Says Whole Country is Under Water—Travel is Difficult.

Washington, Dec. 22.—General Scott, chief of staff of the army, who was sent to Mexico to endeavor to restrain the warring hostilities which would endanger life and property on the American side of the border, telegraphed Secretary Garrison from Naco under date of noon today as follows: "Heavy three days' storm; whole country under water, travel most difficult. Maytorena unable to get to the conference arranged for at 10 o'clock this morning at Ocosingo. I had a conference with Carranza's agent last night. Full conference with Hill has been arranged for tomorrow and Maytorena has telegraphed for another appointment."

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**EXPOSURE CAUSES SURRENDER OF FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE**  
Alleged Slayer of a Deputy Sheriff and a Boy at Oakley, W. Va.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 22.—In a state of collapse from fatigue and exposure, Mat Jarrell, alleged slayer of a deputy sheriff and a nine-year-old boy at Oakley, last night, surrendered late today to the authorities of Boone county and was placed in jail at Madison.

Deputy Sheriff Silas F. Nance was killed instantly in a revolver duel with Jarrell, whom he attempted to arrest for drunkenness. Bullets from Jarrell's revolver are said to have struck Henry Ratcliffe, nine; Mrs. Josephine Wines and Belle Adams. Ratcliffe died today. The women are wounded seriously, it is reported. Jarrell, sentenced to serve six months for "pistol-toting," was paroled recently by Governor Hatfield.

**FREIGHT STEAMER ASHORE ON MASSACHUSETTS COAST**  
Revenue Cutter Aquashnet and a Wrecking Tug Are Alongside.

Hyannis, Mass., Dec. 22.—The freight steamer Lansing, bound for New York from Portsmouth, N. H., in tow of the steamer Bayview, grounded on Dogfish bar off Bass river today, having been blown by a southerly gale from an anchorage north-west of Handkerchief Shoal during the night. At low water the Lansing was well up on the bar and was listing heavily to port. The revenue cutter Aquashnet and a wrecking tug were alongside and were prepared to attempt to float the Lansing on the evening tide.

**MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF A DEPUTY SHERIFF**  
Was Active in Enforcement of Maine Liquor Law—Foul Play is Feared.

Island Falls, Maine, Dec. 22.—Deputy Sheriff Harry C. Hillman, who has been active in the enforcement of the prohibitory liquor law, has disappeared and county officials today expressed a fear that he had been kidnapped or murdered. A laborer who is said to have made threats against the deputy because of many liquor seizures has been detained on suspicion. Hillman was last seen at 8 o'clock last night. He told his family that he was going to return to a foreign resident a box of liquor seized by mistake and that he would be back home in fifteen minutes. His failure to return led to a search of houses in a section of the village occupied by many employees, but no trace of him was found.

**GERMAN AVIATOR THREW THREE BOMBS INTO DOVER**  
And Reconnoitred Position of the British Fleet.

Berlin, Dec. 22 (By wireless to Sayville, L. I.).—The German navy aviator, Lieutenant Stephen Von Prondzynski flew over Dover and threw three bombs and reconnoitred the position of the British fleet. "Russian courts martial in Poland have hanged numerous Jews." "At Sunderland (England) the populace destroyed German shops. The police made no arrests." Lisbon reports that 25 members of the Portuguese Unionist party have given up their seats as a protest against the war.

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